GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Menstural Hygiene
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that more than 80 per cent of rural women use unsterilised cloths which cause reproductive diseases as they cannot afford to buy sanitary napkins;

(b) if so, whether the Government has implemented any scheme bringing awareness amongst women on this issue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): Data regarding use of sanitary napkins among women in rural India has not been captured by any National level survey.
(b): Government is implementing Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene for Adolescent Girls (aged 10-19 years) residing in rural areas.
(c): The adolescent girls are provided sanitary napkins at subsidized rates along with adequate knowledge and information about the following:
â€¢ Maintaining good menstrual hygiene
â€¢ Proper use of sanitary napkins
â€¢ Safe disposal by environmentally friendly methods
Government of India is providing funds to State through National Health Mission for the same based on the proposals received from the states in their Programme Implementation Plans.
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